

Consideration of the dedication of the Portland Arch Addition Nature Preserve in Fountain County

The proposed Nature Preserve is a 99.39 acre property in the northwest portion of Fountain County, approximately 6.0 miles southwest of the town of Attica. This nature preserve protects a branch of the Bear Creek drainage, along with a block of upland forest habitat in Indiana's Entrenched Valley Section of the Central Till Plain Natural Region.

This Nature Preserve consists of topography that has sandstone cliffs, erosional sandstone formations known locally as 'Tecumseh's Cave' and the 'Devils Tea Table', open oak woodlands and a native forest savanna restoration on former agricultural fields. There are also several springs that well-up on the property and flow into the branch of Bear Creek that flow through Portland Arch.

Noteworthy animal species found in this Nature Preserve include:

The site is utilized by many species of brushland birds that prefer more open habitats, including, Yellow-breasted Chat, Summer Tanager, Brown Thrasher, Red-headed Woodpecker, and Whippoorwill.

This preserve is being dedicated in memory of Ron Campbell and Sam Miller, whose passion for Portland Arch and Indiana's Nature Preserve offers a legacy of personal commitment and excellence for all to follow.

This tract is owned and managed by the Department of Natural Resources Division of Nature Preserves.

The Division of Nature Preserves recommends dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

Attached is Nature Preserves exhibit A.

Portland Arch Addition Nature Preserve

County: Fountain
Size: 99.39 acres

Exhibit A

USGS Quad Map: Stone Bluff
Ownership: Div of Nature Preserves



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